



WORLD CALLS FOR CALM

Fighting continues in Middle East

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Smoke rises from a village in Lebanon. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken says a wider war in the Middle East is a "real concern"

COUNTRIES have called for calm amid fears that the fighting between Israel and Hamas could grow into a bigger war across the Middle East.

Israel has been at war with Hamas for over three months, since Hamas attacked Israel on 7 October, killing more than 1,200 people and taking hundreds hostage. Hamas is a group that controls Gaza, a territory next to Israel where Palestinians live.

Lebanon is a country just to the north of Israel. It's home to another group called Hezbollah which, like Hamas, is classed as a terrorist group by the UK. Hezbollah has also been fighting with Israel, and it has more weapons and power than Hamas.

On Monday, Hezbollah said one of its commanders, Wissam Tawil, was killed in Lebanon by an Israeli air strike. Israel didn't comment on that, but did say it had hit Hezbollah targets in Lebanon.

Recently, a senior Hamas leader, Saleh al-Arouri, was also killed in Lebanon. Israel was accused of that, too. In response, Lebanon fired rockets

at northern Israel.

This has added to fears that the war might be about to spill over into other countries.

A Lebanon government official, Abdallah Bou Habib, said: "We are very concerned, [the] Lebanese don't want to be dragged... into a regional war." He wants Israel to stop its attacks in Lebanon, but Mark Regev, an Israeli government advisor, said: "There can be no peace in the north while Hezbollah's... army of terror sits on our border."

Several countries have called for calm, including the US, Japan and the United Nations, a peace organisation that all countries are members of. The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, is visiting countries around the Middle East to share his country's plan to cool the situation down.

He said: "The US has a vision for how to get there, a regional approach that delivers lasting security for Israel and a state for the Palestinian people."

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Gaza girl goes viral

A GIRL aged nine has gone viral for her videos showing what life is like for people living in Gaza.

Lama Abu Jamous has more than 650,000 followers on Instagram. In her videos, she talks to people affected by the fighting between Israel and Hamas, which has killed more than 22,000 in Gaza.

She says: "My message to the world is to end the war. We want the bombing to stop."

Elvis brought back to life!

LEGENDARY pop star Elvis Presley is stepping back onto the stage to perform his famous hits – thanks to AI (artificial intelligence)!

He's being brought back to life virtually for an all-new show, *Elvis Evolution*, which will use old photos and videos to project a life-sized hologram of his likeness on stage.

Elvis shot to fame in the 1950s and is one of the most successful and popular musicians in history, with 500 million record sales. In total, he's spent 67 weeks at the top of the Billboard chart (America's official album chart). The only solo artist who can beat that is Taylor Swift who, just last week, spent her 69th week at the top.

Elvis died at home in 1977, aged 42. Even in life, he was at the cutting edge of technology – his 1973 concert in Hawaii was the first concert to be broadcast live around the world.

This new show will open in London in November before heading to Las Vegas, where Elvis performed many hundreds of times.

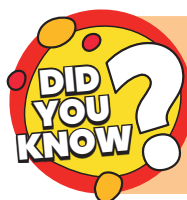
It comes after the success of a similar show featuring holograms of Swedish band ABBA – but this is a bit different, because ABBA are still alive.

Do you think it's okay to bring dead pop stars back to life using AI?

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FEMALE artists spent more weeks at the top of the UK singles chart in 2023 than male artists!

It's the first time that's happened in the 71-year history of the chart, which began in 1952. Thanks to the likes of Taylor Swift and Miley Cyrus, women topped the chart for 31 out of the 52 weeks.



Elvis is a huge music legend!

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'Terror beast' fossils found



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They bossed the seas for as long as 15 million years!

THE fossils of ancient, giant flesh-eating worms have been found in Greenland.

The creatures lived more than 500 million years ago, and have been named *Timorebestia*, which is Latin for 'terror beasts'. They grew to more than 30cm in length, which might not sound very large by today's standards but, in its time, it was one of the largest swimming animals in the world.

They had fins down the sides of their body to help them glide through the water, long antennae on their head, and jaw structures inside their mouth.

Dr Jakob Vinther, from the University of Bristol, studied the creatures and said: "*Timorebestia* were giants of their day and would have been close to the top of the food chain." He said they would have been as important back then as top predators like sharks and seals are today.

Inside the digestive systems of the worm fossils, researchers found the remains of a small spiny sea creature called *Isoxys*, which was common in the Cambrian Period, 540–485 million years ago.

Experts say that the worms may have bossed the seas for about 10–15 million years before other predators took over.

Tae Yoon Park, who led the expedition, said: "We have many more exciting findings to share in the coming years that will help show what the earliest animal ecosystems looked like and evolved."



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Thanks to Binx, Oakley is all better now

A FAMILY'S cat saved their dog's life from two vicious coyotes in the US state of Oklahoma!

Oakley the dog was doing a poo in the back garden when two coyotes (canines from North America) attacked her with nasty bites. Luckily, Binx the cat was on hand. The fearless feline arched her back and tore towards the two intruders, scaring them away.

Cats and dogs are usually shown as enemies in cartoons, but relieved owner Lane Dyer said his "inspiring" cat Binx loves Oakley!